

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Election/Restrictions

The restriction requirement is withdrawn due to applicant's amendment, wherein claim 28 now depends from claim 1. All claims (1-28) were examined.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Derek Richmond (Reg. No. 45,771) on April 11, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

The title is changed to "Auto-focusing method and device for use with optical microscopy".

Kam elislo In claim 8, line ³~~1~~, replace "out of focus" with --out-of-focus--.

In claim 15, line 2, replace "the surface" with --a surface--.

Kam elislo In claim 15, line ⁸~~10~~, replace "the focal plane" with --a focal plane--.

Kam elislo In claim 15, line ^{lines 10-20}~~23~~, replace "the surface" with --a surface--.

Kam elislo In claim 19, line ²~~3~~, remove the word "the" before "collected reflected radiation".

Kam elislo In claim 20, line ^{lines 1-2}~~2~~, replace "to slower" with --to slow--.